**Curbing malpractices in educational institutions**

3241. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether IITs Kanpur, Kharagpur, Delhi, Mumbai, Roorkee, Chennai, Guwahati have recently sold a large number of their prospectus including admission forms at unreasonable prices for admission to M. Tech. and postgraduate programmes without mentioning the cut-off marks of admission and earned a lot of money unscrupulously by rejecting the applications; and

(b) if so, whether Government propose to take action for curbing malpractices in the educational institutions and advise them to return the money to those students who have not even been called for interview or written test for admission in the above courses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. VALLABHBHAI RAMJIBHAI KATHIRIA) : (a) As per information obtained from IITs, they are charging very moderate fees, which covers cost of Information Brochure, application form, processing fee and Admission Test/Interviews that they conduct. This fee has not been increased in most cases over the last few years, inspite of increase in material and other costs. Names of candidates offered admission are published on the Websites of IITs with their GATE Registration Numbers. This gives enough idea for the candidates about the possible cut-off to decide whether to apply or not.

(b) The number of candidates not eligible to be called for interview is not very large. However, application fee is being refunded wherever the request for issue of application form was received late.

**Special assistance to women belonging to disadvantaged sections**

3242. SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI:
DR. ABRAR AHMED :

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state :